

## ICASSI weekend trips

### Saturday, August 4: day trip to Aachen

Aachen – the city of water (health resort), of Oecher Printen (famous regional cookies) and of horses (CHIO), famous for Charlemagne and the Kaiserpfalz, 2000 years old, seat of the RWTH Aachen university, city of three-country-corner Euregio with Maastricht in the Netherlands and Lüttich/Liege in Belgium; in the historical coronation hall the Charlemagne Prize is awarded every year to someone for his merits for Europe.



#### program:

9 am: a coach takes us from Haus Venusberg through the „Voreifel“ westwards. The first stop is the „Dreiländerpunkt“ where Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium join. Also it is the highest place of the Netherlands.

10.30 am: we continue the trip and in a few minutes we reach the town center of Aachen. A guided walk follows the Route Charlemagne with its sights around the Aachen Cathedral and

Townhall. Then you can discover the city individually. We recommend the Cathedral Treasury which accommodates one of the most important treasures of the catholic church in Europe. But maybe you prefer to stroll through the small streets of the old town, enjoy a snack in one of the terrace cafés on the market square, in the shade of the Cathedral, Am Hof or Elisenbrunnen, or you may visit the Townhall or the Couven Museum.

At 3.50 pm we meet in „Domhof“. We follow a guided tour of Aachen Cathedral with its famous Oktogon and the gothic hall. It belongs to the first buildings which were included in the list of the Unesco-World-Heritage Sites.

After this tour you have time to finish some

shopping („Oecher Printen“) before we meet again at 5.30 in front of the historical Townhall. There we will have a 3-course-dinner which is included (drinks are excluded).

At 7 pm we start our trip back home with arrival at Haus Venusberg latest at 9 pm.



### Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, full-day, from 9 am to 9 pm:

Price includes:

- coach trip from Haus Venusberg to Aachen and back
- Sightseeing of Dreiländerpunkt
- guided walk of Old Town
- guided tour of Aachen Cathedral
- 3-course-dinner in the historical Town Hall (drinks excluded)

#### Price maximum:

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|------------------------|---------|
| adult:                 | 75 Euro |
| youth/student (13-25): | 65 Euro |
| child:                 | 45 Euro |

## ICASSI weekend trips

### Sunday, August 5: Boat trip to Linz on the banks of the River Rhine

On Sunday morning we start at 9.45 am from Haus Venusberg. A coach takes us to the boat station of the Köln-Düsseldorfer. We enter a boat to go up the River Rhine for about two and a half hours. The River Rhine



*Illustration 1: by René Rondot - published on wikipedia*

is one of the best known rivers in Europe and extends from its source in Graubünden/Switzerland to its mouth in the Netherlands.

In Linz you have time to discover the town on your own. The picturesque city lies directly on the banks of the River Rhine and gives a choice of sights. You can visit the Catholic Church St. Martin which was built already in 1206 and is decorated with frescos of the first half of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Or you visit Linz Castle which was built in 1365 by archbishop Engelbert III.



*Illustration 2: by Dr. Eugen Lehle - published on wikipedia*

Today there is an exhibition of torture instruments in a part of the castle which visitors may leave shivering. You can visit a model of a Roman glass hut with own glass manufacturing in the old Roman glass oven. Of course there are restaurants and cafés to enjoy, too.

At 4.30 pm we meet at the boat station again and enter the Köln-Düsseldorfer to go back to Bonn where we are picked up at the boat station by coach again to be dropped off at Haus Venusberg.

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9.45 am to 6.30 pm.

Price includes:

- coach transfer from and to Haus Venusberg
- boat ticket from Bonn to Linz and back with the Köln-Düsseldorfer

Price:

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|------------------------|------------|
| adult:                 | 35 Euro    |
| youth/student (13-25): | 30 Euro    |
| child (4-12):          | 17,50 Euro |